

A PRATT BOOK

THE AMERICAN ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF SIMON NEWCOMB (7) PRATT  
AND HIS WIFE DEBORAH ISABEL (3) NELSON AND ANCESTRAL RECORDS

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rested and thrown into prison from which he communicated with his family on a scrap of paper written with his blood. According to a tradition of this family the Rev. Henry Pratt was a son of John who either he or his father was a Frenchman that bore the name Platt and fled from France during a political upheaval into England and became armour bearer to the English monarch and that his name was later changed to Pratt as both names have the same meaning, a flat level surface or meadow. Phineas was thought to be a brother or relative of Joshua and Mathew Pratt"; but there seems to be no proof of this.

2. Joshua Pratt some of whose descendants are the subject of this book came from England in the "Good Ship Anne" in 1623 and settled in Plymouth, Mass.

3. In the "Family History of Mathew Pratt" in the Genealogy Library of Boston, Mass. is the following record: "Mathew Pratt was related to Joshua Pratt who settled in Plymouth -- and to Phineas Pratt who settled in Weymouth but afterwards in Plymouth and Charleston. These three pilgrims are spoken of as probable brothers by the historian, though this relationship cannot be established positively. They were all heads of large families, sons and daughters who settled in Plymouth, Weymouth, Charleston, Middleburro, Bridgewater, Easton, Trenton and Quincy".

4. Lieut. William Pratt was the son of Rev. William Pratt of Braddock, Hertfordshire, England and was the brother of John Pratt. The brothers are thought to have come from England with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1633 and settled in Cambridge, Mass. In 1636 the brothers migrated to Hartford, Conn. with the Rev. Thomas Hooker. In 1645 William sold his land in Hartford and moved to Saybrook, Conn. A genealogy of his family was prepared by Rev. F. W. Chapman in 1864. Cousin Jennie Patten has a copy of this book.

5. John Pratt, another son of Rev. William Pratt and brother of William, just mentioned was baptized November 9, 1620 at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, England and came with his brother, William and the Rev. Thomas Hooker about 1632 as he owned a house on St Auburn St., Newtown (Camebridge) in 1633. On May 31, 1636 he left Camebridge with Rev. Thomas Hooker's party and settled in Hartford, Conn. in June 1636. He was a carpenter and helped build Hartford and died there July 15, 1655. A genealogy of his descendants has been published by Walter S. Pratt of Hartford, Conn., a descendant, of which I have a copy.

6. John Pratt of Dorchester had conferred upon him the right of a freeman May 14, 1634. His descendants resided in Medfield, Reading, Woodend and Temple, New Hampshire; Buffalo, New York; and Prattsville, Alabama. The most distinguished member of this family was Hon. Daniel Pratt born July 20, 1799 who founded Prattsville, Alabama. Ephraim Pratt, a son of John of Dorchester lived in Reading, Mass. The night preceding